

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re the Application of : Natsuko NOBUKUNI et al.  
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**Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

Prior to issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows: